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U.S. Serial No.: Filed Concurrently Herewith  
Title of Invention: METHOD AND COMPOSITIONS INCLUDING A 13Kd  
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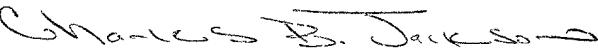
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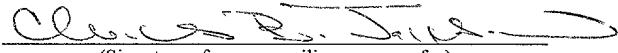
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Box Patent Application (35 U.S.C. 111)  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Before the issuance of the first Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend the accepted substitute specification as follows:

First page of text (the page numbered 2), before the first line of text please insert:

--This application is a divisional of U.S. application Serial No. 08/264,036, filed June 22, 1994, which is a continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 08/079,601, filed June 22, 1993, now U.S. Patent No. 5,523,089, which is a continuation of U.S. application Serial No. 07/924,798, filed August 6, 1992, now abandoned, which is a continuation of U.S. application Serial No. 07/422,881, filed October 18, 1989, now abandoned, claiming priority from Danish application 5902/88, filed October 24, 1988.--

Page 30, after line 10, and before line 11, please insert:

--Murine hybridomas secreting monoclonal antibody 15G6 were deposited with the American Type Culture Collection, 10801 University Blvd., Manassas, VA 20110-2209 under the terms of the Budapest Treaty on March 18, 1999, under Deposit Numbers ATCC HB-12685 and ATCC HB-12686.--

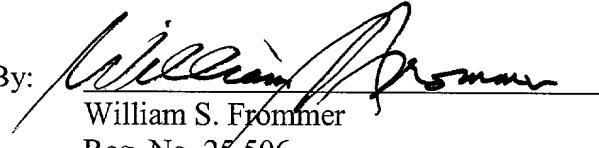
**REMARKS**

This preliminary amendment serves to accurately describe the lineage of the present application, and to clarify the relevant biological deposits.

Early and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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